## FACULTY NEWS

## New Faculty Member Steven Pocoroba

We welcome Steven Pocoroba to our MST Faculty as he will start teaching the new Data Analytics and Security class in Fall 2019.

Steven is a Director in PwC's Tax Reporting & Strategy group, specializing in emerging technologies and process improvement for large, multinational technology companies. He has over 10 years of experience in the Silicon Valley working in a variety of sectors including the semiconductor, software, and internet service industries.

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Steven loves working with clients to make their lives easier – combining best practices of technology (ex. Visualization Tools, ETL Tools, Robotics Process Automation, Workflow/ Document Management, Provision Software) to streamline processes, while considering the complex rules and requirements of financial statement reporting and tax compliance. Steven enjoys addressing new challenges every day in this fast-paced environment, and he prides himself on becoming a trusted resource for his clients.

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Steven is an active leader within PwC and helps drive the firm's programs and initiatives through several leadership roles. Some of these functions include PwC's National Advisory Council, the Accelerate Leadership Program, the Ascend Leadership Program, the PwC Pan -Asian Employee Resource Group, the PwC Running Club, and the Corporate Responsibility Team.

Steven holds a B.A. in Business Administration (with an emphasis in Accounting) and an M.S. in Taxation from the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Steven has been a frequent speaker for the Tax Executives Institute and is certified in several technologies across Visualization, ETL, and RPA tools.

Caroline Tso Chen made a presentation with fellow SJSU Professor Ben Anderson at the American Accounting Association (AAA) Western meeting on April 13, 2019. Their presentation was entitled Leveraging Data Analytics into Internal Audit: A Teaching Case.

Julia Ushakova-Stein's article, "Proposed FDII Regulations Bring Some Clarity," was published in *Tax Notes*, April 24, 2019.

## ALUMNI NEWS Anita Stokes

"Don't let academic background or age deter you from pursuing a career in tax," says Anita Stokes, CPA, MST. Anita, who had an undergraduate degree in history and education from India, started in corporate tax at age 40, shortly after completing her MST from SJSU. She began her diverse tax career working for public accounting firms Coopers & Lybrand and Ernst & Young LLP, then moved to Corporate America to work for industry giants eBay and Netflix (among others), and finally closed her 27 year career providing tax services through her own company.